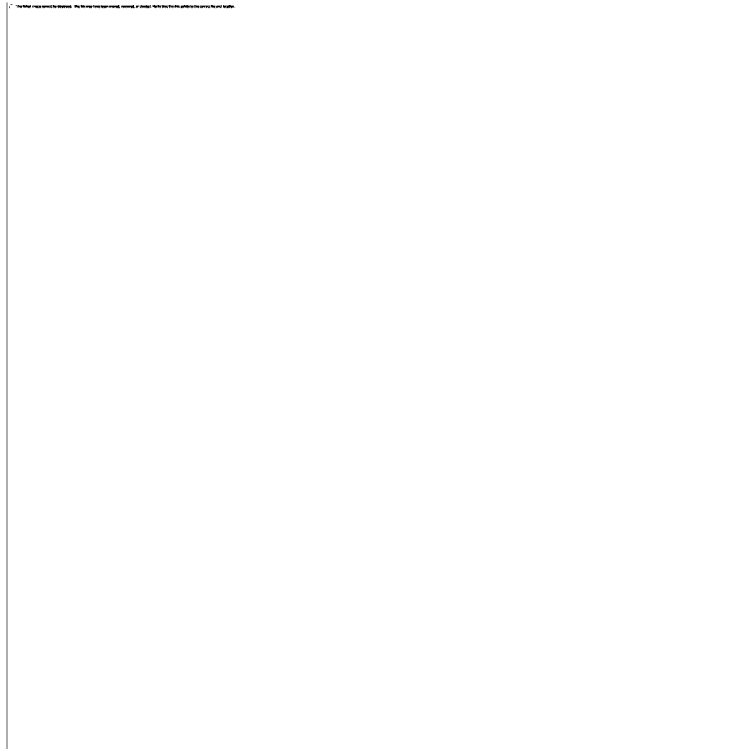
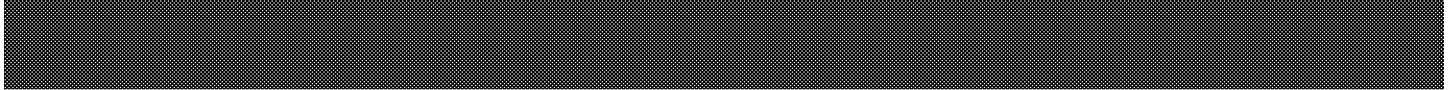


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By Jacqueline Toth

*Morning Consult Energy will be off for the Labor Day holiday. Publication of the morning briefs and afternoon updates will resume Tuesday.*

## Week in Review

### Trump administration

- President Donald Trump announced that the United States and Mexico agreed to revisions to the North American Free Trade

Agreement - a step that had been delayed in part by disagreements over energy issues.

- Trump signed proclamations to allow targeted relief from the administration's steel import quotas for South Korea and Brazil, and from quotas on both steel and aluminum for Argentina, according to the Commerce Department.

## Utilities

- The Colorado Public Utilities Commission approved Minneapolis-based electric utility Xcel Energy Inc.'s proposed plan to retire two coal-fired power plants in Pueblo, Colo., and to invest \$2.5 billion in natural gas, solar and wind energy in Colorado.
- Documents released under a Freedom of Information Act request to a nonprofit identified PG&E Corp. as the utility that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission fined \$2.7 million in May for losing control of a database with 30,000 records containing sensitive information, including passwords and system controls, which was exposed online for 70 days.

## Clean energy

- California lawmakers passed a bill to require the state to source 100 percent of its power from clean energy resources by 2045. The measure awaits the signature of Gov. Jerry Brown (D).
- Facebook Inc. announced it will target the purchase of renewable energy for 100 percent of its operations by the end of 2020 and to cut its greenhouse gas emissions by 75 percent from 2017 levels.

## Oil and gas

- King Salman, the father of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, put the brakes on Saudi Arabian Oil Co.'s planned initial public offering, according to three sources with ties to the kingdom's government, after the king concluded it would undermine the kingdom by requiring full public disclosure of Aramco's finances.
- Following its validation of a sufficient number of petition signatures, the Colorado Secretary of State's office announced the state will vote this November on whether to ban oil and gas drilling within 2,500 feet of homes, businesses and other areas deemed vulnerable.

- Construction on the Trans Mountain pipeline was effectively halted after Canada's Federal Court of Appeal unanimously rejected the country's approval of the project, declaring the National Energy Board's regulatory review of the \$3.5 billion pipeline "impermissibly flawed" for not examining tanker traffic resulting from the project and for not adequately consulting with indigenous people.

## **Environmental Protection Agency**

- The Environmental Protection Agency told the U.S. Supreme Court that it is no longer pursuing a regulation to limit the use of refrigerant chemicals, and that the high court doesn't need to take up companies' appeal of a lower court's ruling that overturned the Obama-era restrictions.
- An EPA spokeswoman said the agency intends to ask the White House Office of Management and Budget to examine its draft proposal that questions whether it had been "appropriate and necessary" for the agency to set limits in 2012 on toxic emissions from existing power plants, including for mercury.

## **What's Ahead**

- Both the House and Senate are in session this week.
- The Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Inspector General said it expects to release a report on the administrator's Protective Service Detail on Tuesday.
- The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee has scheduled an executive session for Wednesday at 10 a.m. on legislation, including a bipartisan bill on bycatch reduction, and several nominations, including Kelvin Droegemeier to be director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.
- Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.) and Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) are expected to speak at an event hosted by The Hill and the

Bipartisan Policy Center on Thursday on public and private sector climate solutions.

## Events Calendar (All Times Local)

### MONDAY

American Association for Aerosol Research 10th International Aerosol Conference	7 a.m.
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### TUESDAY

American Association for Aerosol Research 10th International Aerosol Conference	7 a.m.
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Department of Energy Grid Modernization Initiative Peer Review	1 p.m.
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House Rules meeting on small-scale LNG legislation	5 p.m.
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Department of Energy Grid Modernization Initiative Peer Review	7:30 a.m.
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2018 Future Power Markets Summit	9 a.m.
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National Press Club conversation with Rep. Lamar Smith (R-Texas)	9:30 a.m.
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Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation executive session on fishing legislation and several nominees	10 a.m.
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Nuclear Industry Council briefing on the U.S. nuclear fleet	11:30 a.m.
Environmental Protection Agency PFAS Community Engagement	1 p.m.
Great Lakes Commission and Northeast Midwest Institute briefing on Great Lakes green infrastructure	2:30 p.m.
National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Public Administration event on nuclear security	3 p.m.
Young Conservatives for Energy Reform & Christian Coalition Conservative Clean Energy Summit	5 p.m.

## **THURSDAY**

American Association for Aerosol Research 10th International Aerosol Conference	7 a.m.
Environmental Business Council New England Rhode Island program on PCBs	7:30 a.m.
Department of Energy Grid Modernization Initiative Peer Review	8 a.m.
Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick, Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse speak at Bipartisan Policy Center and The Hill event	8 a.m.
Young Conservatives for Energy Reform & Christian Coalition Conservative Clean Energy Summit	9 a.m.
American Enterprise Institute panel on implementing the Paris agreement	9:30 a.m.
House Energy and Commerce Environment Subcommittee hearing on perfluorinated chemicals	10 a.m.
House Federal Lands Subcommittee hearing on federal land bills	10 a.m.
House Intergovernmental Affairs and Interior, Energy and Environment Subcommittees hearing on permitting	10 a.m.
Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative event on carbon trading in the states	10 a.m.

Senate Environment and Public Works confirmation hearing on nominee for the Northern Border Regional Commission	10 a.m.
National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Public Administration event on nuclear security	11 a.m.
House Oversight and Government Reform hearing on federal disaster response and recovery	1 p.m.
U.S. Energy Association briefing on the Affordable Clean Energy Rule	2 p.m.

## **FRIDAY**

American Association for Aerosol Research 10th International Aerosol Conference	7 a.m.
Department of Energy Grid Modernization Initiative Peer Review	7:30 a.m.
Federal Reserve Banks of Dallas and Kansas City joint conference on global oil market dynamics	7:30 a.m.
House Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee hearing on water resources projects and policy	9 a.m.
Young Conservatives for Energy Reform & Christian Coalition Conservative Clean Energy Summit	9 a.m.

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## **Morning Consult Energy Top Reads**

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Liam Dillon, Los Angeles Times

**2) A Carbon-Free California Requires a Lot More Cheap Batteries**

Naureen S. Malik and Mark Chediak, Bloomberg

**3) What Are You Getting If You Buy Clean Electricity?**

Catherine Wolfram, Energy Institute at Haas

**4) State Regulators Give OK To Xcel Energy's \$2.5 Billion Clean Power Plan**

Matt Bloom, KUNC

**5) Zinke says Interior reorganization won't relocate employees - yet**

Miranda Green, The Hill

**6) Permian region is expected to drive U.S. crude oil production growth through 2019**

U.S. Energy Information Administration

**7) Drowning in Dirty Water, Permian Seeks \$22 Billion Lifeline**

David Wethe and Kevin Crowley, Bloomberg

**8) Colorado Measure Would Make Most of State Off Limits to Drillers**

Rebecca Elliott, The Wall Street Journal

**9) Pesticide Studies Won E.P.A.'s Trust, Until Trump's Team Scorned 'Secret Science'**

Danny Hakim and Eric Lipton, The New York Times

**10) Top interior staffer who backed shrinking national monuments to join BP**

Juliet Eilperin, The Washington Post



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